

# Advanced Opportunities

## Programs Overview and Implementation Discussion

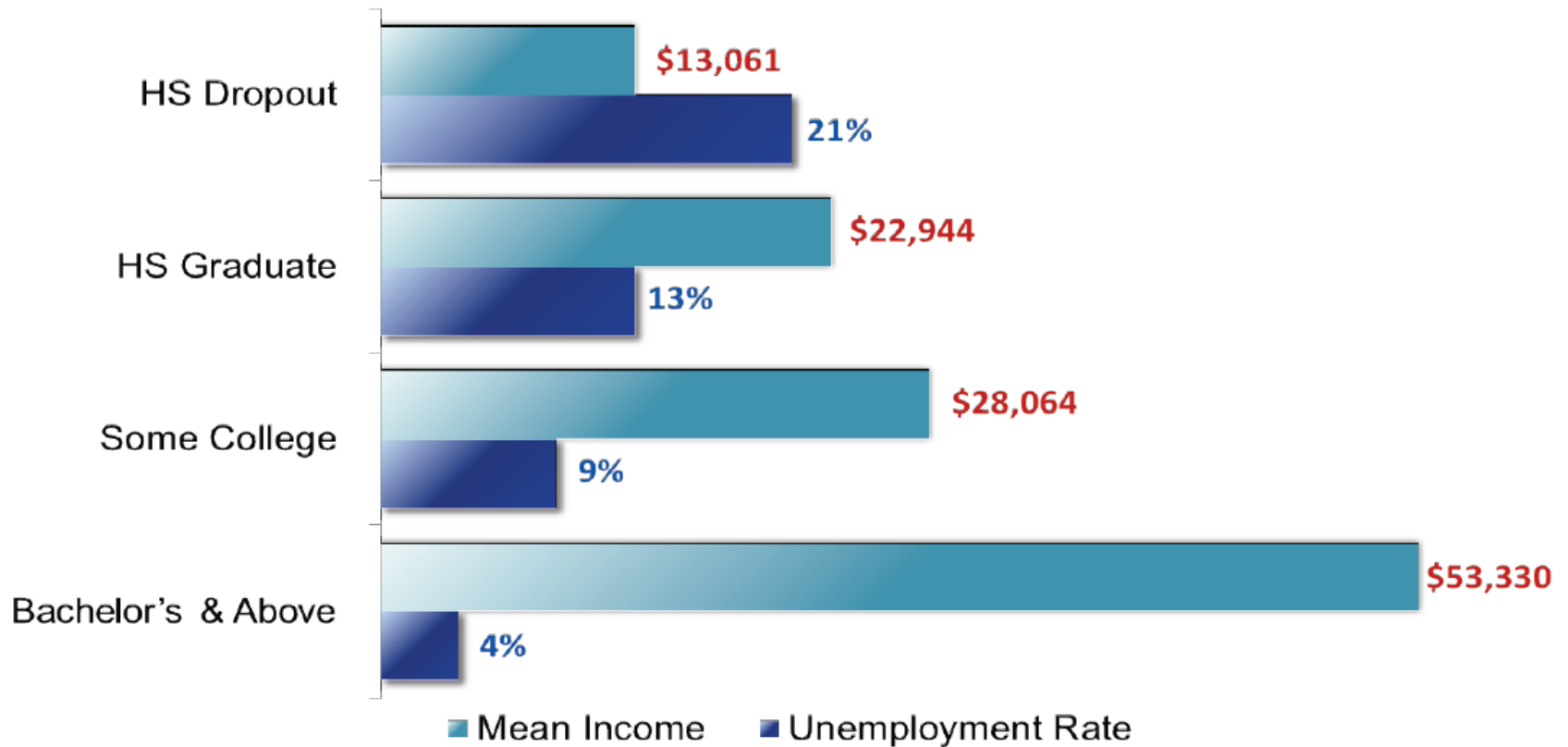


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# Earnings by Educational Attainment



*Source: State Board of Education*

# College-going rate among Idaho students graduating in 2013:

52%

*Source: National Student Clearinghouse*



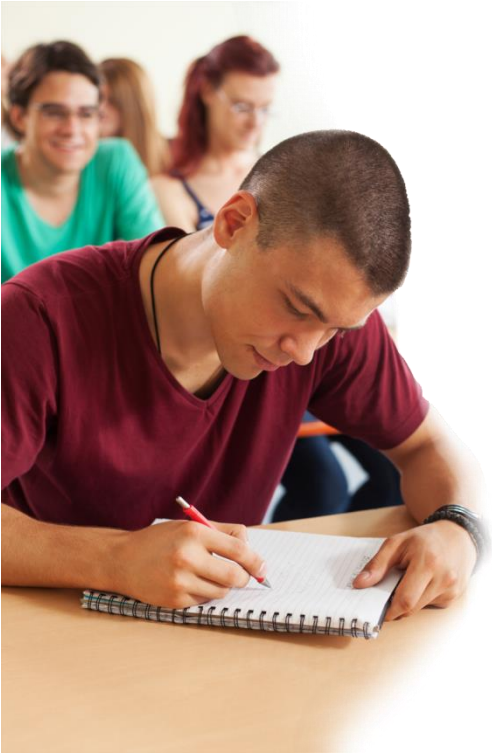
# Dual Credit Research

*“...we found a positive relationship between dual credit participation, and both the first year persistence rate and the college graduation rate.”*

*Source: A Study of Dual Credit Access and Effectiveness  
in the State of Texas, Texas A&M University*



# The Big Ideas



Provide mechanisms for students with the ability and willingness to:

- ✓ Satisfy graduation requirements at an accelerated rate (8 in 6)
- ✓ Earn postsecondary credits while in high school (DC4EC / Fast Forward), or
- ✓ Earn a scholarship by graduating early (MAP)

These programs support the State Board of Education's goal that 60 percent of Idahoans between the ages of 25 and 34 attain a postsecondary degree or credential by 2020.



# 8 in 6 Program Overview



- Enrolled students complete graduation requirements at an accelerated rate through overload / summer coursework starting as early as 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Data on students enrolled and courses taken are submitted through ISEE, which triggers the SDE reimbursement to districts and public charter schools (up to \$225 per course).



# 8 in 6 Program Overview

- Eligible 8 in 6 courses are:
  - ✓ Taught by an Idaho HQT
  - ✓ Provided by an accredited school
  - ✓ Non-sectarian
  - ✓ 50%+ online
  - ✓ Intended to satisfy high school graduation requirements



# 8 in 6 Program Implementation

Norm Stewart, Superintendent

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# Dual Credit for Early Completers

- SDE provides funding for postsecondary credit attainment for students satisfying state graduation requirements early.
- Course / exam eligibility requirements for DC4EC mirror that which is eligible under the Fast Forward Program.



# Dual Credit for Early Completers Overview

- Students can take up to 18 credits per semester, or 12 credits per trimester term of postsecondary credits (\$75 per credit reimbursement).
- Students can take up to 6 college credit-bearing advanced placement examinations per semester, or 4 per trimester (\$90 per examination reimbursement).
- Participation in the Dual Credit for Early Completers Program does not impact ADA funding.



# Dual Credit for Early Completers

## Legislative Changes for FY15

- Includes reimbursement for dual credit courses or other college credit bearing or professional technical exams such as:
  - ✓ Advance Placement (AP)
  - ✓ College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
  - ✓ International Baccalaureate Exams (IB)
  - ✓ Professional Certificate Examinations (PTE)



# Dual Credit for Early Completers Implementation

Connie Benke, Counselor

*Vallivue  
High School*



# Mastery Advancement Program Overview

- Provides scholarships for students graduating at least 1 year early from high school (3 year maximum).
- Scholarships are derived from a portion (35%) of the statewide average ADA funding amount from the previous year.
- Scholarships are only eligible for public Idaho institutions of higher education (IHEs).
- The SDE distributes scholarship funds directly to IHEs on student's behalf.



# Mastery Advancement Program Overview

- Statewide ADA average for the 2012 / 2013 school year was \$4,049.78 per student.
- Scholarship for a student graduating at least one year early in 2013 divides the ADA for that student thusly:
  - ✓ 35% statewide average (\$4,049.78) for scholarship-\$1,417.42
  - ✓ 35% to district / public charter school\*
  - ✓ The remainder remains at the state



# Mastery Advancement Program Implementation

L.T. Erickson, Secondary Programs Director



# Fast Forward Program Overview

- New program established by SB 1233 for FY15.
- Provides an amount of \$200 for every junior, and \$400 for every senior in Idaho public schools.
- The funds are available for dual credit, concurrent credit and:
  - ✓ Advanced Placement Exams (AP)
  - ✓ College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
  - ✓ International Baccalaureate Exams (IB)
  - ✓ Professional Certificate Exams (PTE)





# Fast Forward Program Overview

- \$200 / \$400 is intended for those ineligible for the Dual Credit for Early Completers program.
- \$200 / \$400 may be used to pay an amount not to exceed 75% of the cost of eligible courses and examinations.
- Student participation does not impact ADA funding.
- The SDE is constructing a student balance calculation application to assist with tracking student allocation for FY15.



# Fast Forward Program Implementation


Jennifer Caprile, Advanced Opportunities Coordinator



## Community Event Calendar

### Coeur d'Alene - July 30


North Idaho College - Student Union Building, ESU1 Lake Cd'a at 6:00pm

Free parking is available:  [Campus Map](#)

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### Moscow - July 31


Univ. of Idaho - Renfrew Hall, Classroom 126 at 6:00pm

Free parking is available:  [Campus Map](#)

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### Boise - August 6


Boise State Univ. - Yanke Family Research Park, 220 E. Park Ctr Blvd. at 6:00pm

Please print out parking permit for event:  [Parking Permit](#)

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### Pocatello - August 11

Idaho State Univ. - Student Union Building, Ballroom on 2nd floor at 6:00pm

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### Twin Falls - August 12

Canyon Ridge High School - Auditorium at 7:00pm

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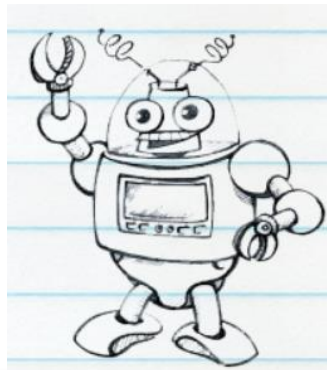
# Fast Forward Program Resources

- [www.myidahocourses.org](http://www.myidahocourses.org)
  - ✓ Online course portal to search digital courses offered by Idaho schools, colleges, universities, the Idaho Digital Learning Academy and more. All courses are taught by Idaho certified teachers and meet Idaho's academic standards.
- [www.idtransfer.org](http://www.idtransfer.org)
  - ✓ Statewide collaborative project determine how courses / credits transfer among Idaho universities and colleges.



# Fast Forward Program Resources

- <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedOpp/>
  - ✓ Online toolkit containing templates, district examples, archived webinars, promotional materials and guidance for implementation.
- [www.fastforwardidaho.com](http://www.fastforwardidaho.com)
  - ✓ Microsite dedicated to the Fast Forward program



# District Implementation / Policy Recommendations

- Identify local point of contact and subject matter experts
- Integrate student data form
- Establish data submission timelines for students
- Leverage existing dual credit agreements with IHEs
- Clarify student responsibilities / expectations
- Refresh advising practices
- Leverage 4 year learning plan implementation
- Adherence to SBOE policy III.Y
  - ✓ [http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/policies/documents/policies/iii/iiiy\\_advanced\\_opportunities\\_0612.pdf](http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/policies/documents/policies/iii/iiiy_advanced_opportunities_0612.pdf)



# Questions?

Additional information about all SDE Advanced Opportunities can be found at:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedOpp/>

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